

REMARKS

Prior to this Reply, Claims 1-40 were pending. Through this Reply, Claim 32 has been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Accordingly, Claims 1-40 are now at issue in the present case.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes, with thanks, that the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-31 and 36-40 are allowable.

The Examiner objected to Claims 32-35 because of an informality. Specifically, Claim 32 depends upon itself and Claims 33-35 depend from Claim 32. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 32, so that it now depends from Claim 31. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the objection has been overcome.

II. Abstract

The Examiner objected to the Abstract due to a minor informality. The Examiner found that the phrase “said data” on page 40, lines 7 and 9 is indefinite. The Examiner noted that the word “said” should be avoided in the Abstract for better clarity. In response, Applicant has amended the Abstract, such that the phrase “said data” on page 40, lines 7 and 9, now reads “the data.” Accordingly, Applicant believes that the objection has been overcome.

III. Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because of a minor informality. The Examiner indicated that the paragraph that begins on page 2, lines 5-16 needs to be revised for

clarity and better readability. More specifically, the Examiner indicated that the sentence on lines 9-11 is not clear and comprehensible.

In response, Applicant has amended the sentence that begins on page 2, lines 9-11. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the objection has been overcome.

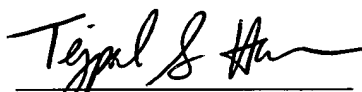
IV. Conclusion

Applicants believe that no other fees are due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

Applicants believe that the application appears to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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